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Letter dated 7 December 2016 from the Chair of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing to you in relation to the provisions of paragraph 7 of section I of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Subsidiary organs wishing to meet during a regular session of the Assembly must submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received a request from the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing to meet in New York from 12 to 15 December 2016, during the main part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered this request and the reasons for it, does not object, on the strict understanding that all meetings would be allocated conference services on an "as available" basis, from within existing resources, in such a way as to ensure that the work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees is not impeded.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing to meet in accordance with its request, subject to the conditions referred to in the foregoing paragraph.

(*Signed*) Katalin **Bogyay**
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